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RE: ADM File 2010-08  
ADM File 2005-32

Dear Chief Justice Kelly:

The referenced proposal amendments were reviewed by the Michigan District Judges Association at its June 2010 executive board meeting.

With respect to Administrative File 2010-08, this seeks to amend Administrative Order 2003-07 that establishes caseload management guidelines. The MDJA supports the extension of the time periods for the various specified proceedings. However, the association suggests that the aspirational nature of these guidelines be emphasized. The board is concerned that these guidelines could be viewed as standards rather than goals, and may have effects inconsistent with the fair administration of justice. Also, this proposal adds a new category, "Matter Submitted to the Judge", addressing interim proceedings. Although this is certainly a worthy concern, it seems to go beyond the original scope of the guidelines, and is otherwise addressed by court rule, MCR 8.107.

With respect to Administrative File 2005-32, this amends a number of court rules, requiring more specificity in civil filings, and which allows the trial courts broader discretion in reviewing pleadings and filings for sufficiency and accuracy. The MDJA supports these proposed amendments to the court rules.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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